

Grenfell Support News

Introducing the North Kensington Community Engagement Team

We thought you'd like to know more about our North Kensington Community Engagement Team and how they can best help you. If you haven't already met some of them, we've included their pictures so you can recognise them when they are out and about.

We are the North Kensington Community Engagement Team. We are all local residents and/or former volunteers in the Grenfell area. We work in and with the North Kensington community to represent their views and needs to the Council and help them find solutions. We are Council employees but we recognise that the community and its needs are frequently changing and that we are well placed to help address those needs by working within the community itself.

We are spending a lot of time building relationships with the community through face-to-face discussions. We are also responding to residents' priorities by working with them to develop solutions and new ways of doing things.

We are already working with residents' associations in North Kensington to understand their needs and priorities and how we can address them. We have also helped to set up (but do not lead) resident-led Community Working Groups (CWG) to give the community the opportunity to discuss issues they have told us matter to them such as the Grenfell Heritage CWG that featured in last week's newsletter. We are also working to identify facilities and spaces which could be made available for community use.

We are based in various locations including Al-Manaar on Fridays and the Rugby Portobello Trust and Harrow Club.

We know there is a lot more to do and we want to work with you as much as we can. Please get in touch if you would like our help with anything. You can email: NKengagement@rbkc.gov.uk or visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/community-engagement-team

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Meet the team:



Sally Haslam

Sally is the overall manager of the team and is the link on housing, environment and site issues.



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Dionne leads the Community Engagement Outreach team and is the link on health and wellbeing issues.



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 www.grenfellresponse.org.uk

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Lancaster West refurbishment - Next steps on 10 March

Plans for the Lancaster West Estate, including what improvements we can offer to residents' homes and blocks, are continuing to take shape.

On **Saturday 10 March** from **11am to 4pm** we will be hearing from architects on their longer term plans to solve the issues residents have told us are important as well as laying out plans to achieve some urgent goals for the Estate.

This ambitious, multi-million pound

scheme is being led by local people. Plans are being 'co-developed' which means local residents will be involved at every step, from initial thinking to delivery. We are clear that residents will have the final say on what happens on the Estate.

The day will also include lunch, free sports activities and entertainment provided by a local school. Estate residents can join us at the Kensington Leisure Centre to have their say on what happens next.

Job opportunities

Head of Community Development and Engagement - Westway Trust

The Westway Trust is looking for an individual to work with the Executive Team, implement community engagement plans for the Portobello scheme redevelopment and work on other projects across the Lancaster West Estate.

You will understand and be able to facilitate community co-design and community led development, particularly supporting an African and Caribbean led cultural space on the Estate. You will also understand how to build capacity within the community for people to deliver services and programmes for themselves.

If you are interested or simply want to find more details on the role please visit www.westway.org/vacancies

The Curve Community Centre - Governors needed

Passionate about supporting the North Kensington community? Want to drive a part of the response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy?

The Curve Community Centre is looking for leaders who have the ideas, skills and experience to drive the future of The Curve as one of its Governors. Governors will meet regularly to ensure that The Curve answers and acts on the views of residents, and is delivering engaging, quality services that the community wants.

Applications to become a Governor are now open and close on **Monday 19 March**. For more details on how you can apply visit www.grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve

If you have any further questions, or to submit your application, please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

Don't forget to register to vote

With the Local Elections coming up on **Thursday 3 May** make sure you don't forget to register to vote. Letters were sent to all households in Kensington and Chelsea last week giving advice and information on how to re-register at a new address as well as a map of the polling stations for each household.

Residents wanting to register to vote can visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or contact Electoral Services at **020 7361 3444** or email elect@rbkc.gov.uk. Residents who would like to cast their vote via post, please contact our Electoral Services team on the same phone number and email and they will send you all the necessary documents.

The deadline to register to vote is **Tuesday 17 April 2018** and to apply for a postal vote is **Wednesday 18 April 2018**. If you want to appoint someone

to vote at your polling station on your behalf, we must receive your application by **Wednesday 25 April 2018**.

If you have been affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy and need to re-register at a new address, please contact your Key Worker who will be able to provide you with all the necessary information on how to re-register. If you are in temporary or new accommodation, you can also remain registered at your previous address which will allow you to vote in the ward you did previously.

For more details, please call **020 7361 3444**, email elect@rbkc.gov.uk, visit <https://goo.gl/KqkBwo> or join our Electoral Services team at The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, North Kensington, London, W10 6TP every **Wednesday** from **10am to 5pm**.

Don't miss out on Hammersmith's Employment and Skills Fair

Come along to the Hammersmith and Fulham Employment and Skills Fair on **Thursday 8 March** at Hammersmith Town Hall and find your perfect job, work experience or training opportunity.

Tens of exhibitors have already confirmed that they will be attending to share their insights including the Heathrow Academy, Chelsea Football

Club, Bluebird Care and many more.

The National Careers Service will also be in attendance offering a free advice workshop at 11am, as well as one-to-one sessions throughout the day.

For further information please contact Lesley Grant at lesley.grant@lbhf.gov.uk or call **020 8753 6548 / 07795 267 151**

Care for Grenfell

The Care for Grenfell team helps anyone who has been affected by the Grenfell tragedy and offers a single point of access to all Council services and support.

This phone line is open from 8am to 8pm and also provides an out-of-hours service which can be reached on the same number.

Call: **020 7745 6414** | Email: careforgrenfell@rbkc.gov.uk

Activities and events at The Curve Community Centre

Fairtrade Day at The Curve (7 March)

Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight at The Curve!

- **10am-12pm** – Fairtrade coffee morning
- **4pm-5pm** – Fairtrade activities session for families: Learn how to eat or drink Fairtrade on a budget whilst sampling tasty banana muffins and smoothies!



International Women's Day (IWD) at The Curve (8 March)

Come and celebrate IWD at The Curve between 10am and 6pm.

Please look out on our social media account **@GrenfellSupport** for more details about activities on the day.

Other Activities at The Curve Community Centre. Weekly Schedule:

Saturday 3 March

- **2pm-5pm** – Community Mosaic workshop with Emily and light refreshments

Monday 5 March

- **10am-1pm** – Five-week textile course (please book)
- **12pm-3pm** – More learning & play (please book)
- **3pm-5pm** – CV and job search workshops (please book)
- **5pm-7pm** – Homework Club (ages 11-16)
- **6pm-8pm** – English for beginners classes (pre-ESOL) (please book)

Tuesday 6 March

- **9.30am-12pm** – ESOL English classes (please book)
- **10am-3pm** – Fouzia's Sewing Club: Sew, stitch and knit
- **12.30pm-2pm** – ESOL English classes (please book)
- **10.30am-12.30pm** – Helping children deal with loss (please book)
- **5pm-6pm** – Children's yoga (ages five-12)
- **6pm-7pm** – Adult yoga

Wednesday 7 March

- **10am-12pm** – Fairtrade coffee morning
- **10am-1pm** – Print making with Heather – bags, cushions and more
- **1pm-3pm** – Life coaching (please book)
- **4pm-4.45pm** – Healthy snack time for kids (12 places available)
- **5pm-7pm** – Homework Club (ages 5-11)
- **6pm-8pm** – English for beginners classes (pre-ESOL) (please book)

Thursday 8 March

- **10.30am-12.30pm** – Helping children deal with loss
- **11am-12pm** – Baby massage with Semira (please book)
- **1pm-3pm** – Messy play with Linda (please book)
- **2pm-3pm** – Chair yoga (drop-in)
- **2pm-4pm** – ESOL CV and job search workshop (please book)
- **4pm-4.45pm** – MEND family activity
- **4pm-4.45pm** – Healthy snack time for kids (12 places)
- **4pm-6pm** – Therapeutic arts with Emily (ages five-11)

Friday 9 March

- **9.30am-11.30am** – English Communication and Conversation Class with Midaye: *Join a friendly, relaxed session focused on communication and building confidence. All welcome.*
- **1pm-3pm** – Parent support drop-in
- **4pm-4.45pm** – Healthy snack time for kids (12 places)



The Crèche is open 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and is for parents attending appointments or courses at The Curve. To book, please email: **Semira.Hassen@rbkc.gov.uk**



The Curve Community Centre opening hours are **10am to 8pm Monday to Friday** and **11am to 6pm on weekends**.

Some sessions need to be booked in advance, email **thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk** and they will confirm your reservation by return.



For a full list of events visit **grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events**

Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the fire is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Important Contacts

Bereavement support

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email **helpline@cruse.org.uk**. The line is open 24 hours a day.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call our advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, please see your doctor or call NHS **111**.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit **victimsupport.org.uk**. The line is open 24 hours a day.

The Grenfell Muslim

Response Unit also offers additional support. Find out more by emailing **info@gmru.co.uk**

You can also get physical and mental support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **077 1223 1133**.

Hestia, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and the Drug and Alcohol Service are based overnight at the **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Lancaster Road**, from **10pm to 8am**. Pop in for a chat and support.

Housing update

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk



We have committed £235 million to finding new homes for residents and have now secured 307 properties for families. We invite households to choose which properties they want to view from all those available on our Home Connections website. Households currently living in temporary accommodation provided by the Council or our partners, also have the option to make these properties their permanent home if they wish. For those households living in hotels and who wish to move into a temporary home, we will help to find private rented accommodation. We will help with furniture, bedding, crockery and cutlery, white goods and utilities.



Total number of households



Households in emergency accommodation



Households moved into accommodation

Temporary 63
Permanent 60



Accommodation offers accepted

Temporary 5
Permanent 68

These numbers are accurate as of 1 March 2018

Tenants can now apply to be rehoused

Tenants living in the Walkways, Treadgold and Bramley House prior to the Grenfell tragedy, who no longer feel able to live in or return to their homes, can apply to be rehoused.

All of these tenants who wish to move will be given a high priority to move to another Council or housing association home.

The Choice-Based Lettings website, known as Home Connections, will reopen on **Monday 12 March**. Tenants can view and express an interest in available properties on this date, if they return their application form to the Council or Lancaster West Estate Office by **Tuesday 6 March**.

There is however no time limit on when residents can apply for priority status.

Available Council and housing association properties are advertised on the Home Connections website every week
www.homeconnections.org.uk



How can we improve Grenfell Support newsletter?

The newsletter has taken on board feedback from residents to improve content and design.

If you have any ideas for articles for this newsletter, email us on **CommsTeam@rbkc.gov.uk**

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